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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/70/648)*]

70/247. Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 45/248 B, section VI, of 21 December 1990, 55/231 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 58/269 and 58/270 of 23 December 2003, 59/276, section XI, of 23 December 2004, 60/283 of 7 July 2006, 61/263 of 4 April 2007, 62/236 of 22 December 2007, 63/262 of 24 December 2008, 64/243 of 24 December 2009, 65/259 of 24 December 2010, 66/246 and 66/247 of 24 December 2011, 68/246 of 27 December 2013 and 69/262 and 69/264 of 29 December 2014,

Reaffirming also the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

Reaffirming further the role of the General Assembly, through the Fifth Committee, in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources, as well as of human resources policies,

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017,[1] the ninth progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account,[2] the report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on internal oversight: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

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[1] A/70/6 (Introduction), (Sect. 1), (Sect. 2) and Corr.1, (Sect. 3) and Corr.1, (Sect. 4), (Sect. 5) and Corr.1, (Sect. 6), (Sect. 7), (Sect. 8) and Corr.1, (Sects. 9–12), (Sect. 13) and Add.1/Rev.1, (Sect. 14) and Corr.1, (Sect. 15), (Sect. 16), (Sect. 17) and Corr.1, (Sect. 18) and Corr.1, (Sects. 19–23), (Sect. 24) and Corr.1, (Sects. 25–27), (Sect. 28) and Corr.1 and 2, (Sect. 29), (Sect. 29A) and Corr.1, (Sect. 29B), (Sect. 29C) and Corr.1, (Sect. 29D), (Sect. 29E), (Sect. 29F) and Corr.1, (Sect. 29G), (Sect. 29H) and (Sects. 30–36) and (Income Sects. 1–3).

[2] A/70/97.

[3] A/70/86.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/70/7).

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Having also considered the relevant parts of chapter II, section A, of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-fifth session[5] and chapter I of the report of the Secretary-General on the consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 and proposals to improve the implementation of results-based budgeting,[6]

Having further considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the management and administration of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,[7] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the recommendations thereon,[8] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on records and archives management in the United Nations[9] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[10]

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirms the role of the Fifth Committee in carrying out a thorough analysis and approving human and financial resources and policies, with a view to ensuring full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

2. *Also reaffirms* the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination;

3. *Further reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

4. *Reaffirms* the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;[11]

5. *Also reaffirms* the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;[12]

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as contained in the relevant parts of chapter II, section A, of its report;[5]

7. *Also endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

8. *Stresses* that all Member States should fulfil their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions;

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[5] Ibid., *Supplement No. 16* (A/70/16).
[6] A/70/80.
[7] A/70/68.
[8] A/70/68/Add.1.
[9] A/70/280.
[10] A/70/280/Add.1.
[11] ST/SGB/2000/8.
[12] ST/SGB/2013/4.

9. *Reaffirms* the established budgetary procedures and methodologies, based on its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211;

10. *Also reaffirms* that no changes to the budget methodology, to established budgetary procedures and practices or to the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the General Assembly, in accordance with established budgetary procedures;

11. *Reiterates* the need for Member States to participate fully in the budget preparation process, from its early stages and throughout the process;

12. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing the consistent and timely information necessary to enable Member States to make well-informed decisions;

13. *Reiterates* the priorities of the Organization for the biennium 2016–2017 as outlined in General Assembly resolution 69/264;

14. *Recalls* its resolutions 69/313 of 27 July 2015 and 70/1 of 25 September 2015, and requests the Secretary-General to provide, at the first part of its resumed seventieth session, a comprehensive proposal addressing the effective and efficient delivery of mandates in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[13] and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development[14] by the Secretariat, within the broader United Nations system, including the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and the United Nations Development Account;

15. *Reiterates* that the allocation of resources should reflect fully the priorities established in the biennial programme plan;

16. *Recognizes* the need for measures to improve the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, with a view to strengthening its effectiveness in dealing with political, economic and social issues;

17. *Also recognizes*, furthermore, that efforts to achieve savings and the efficient utilization of resources constitute an ongoing process and should not adversely affect the full implementation of mandated programmes and activities;

18. *Recalls* paragraph 21 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and reaffirms that the budget proposals of the Secretary-General should reflect resource levels commensurate with mandates for their full, efficient and effective implementation;

19. *Also recalls* paragraphs 44 and 45 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget proposals are prepared on the basis of the preliminary estimates for the overall budget level provided in the budget outline resolution;

20. *Further recalls* paragraph 66 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to evaluate and consider the entire quantum of resources necessary to carry out the programmes and activities mandated by the General Assembly and other organs and to report thereon in the context of his next budget proposal;

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[13] Resolution 70/1.

[14] Resolution 69/313, annex.

21. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of its resolution 64/243, notes the practice of incremental budgeting where only new requirements are justified, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, whenever new proposals lead to requests for additional resources, sufficient efforts are made to meet the new requirements using existing resources;

22. *Stresses* that the contingency fund should be used in strict accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of annex I to resolution 41/213 and paragraph 3 of section C of the annex to resolution 42/211;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take advantage of the potential of new systems and standards, such as the Umoja enterprise resource planning system and the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, in preparing his budget proposals, with a view to enhancing the quality and accuracy of information provided to Member States;

24. *Reiterates* section IX of its resolution 69/274 A of 2 April 2015, and requests its full and immediate implementation;

25. *Acknowledges* the use by the Secretary-General of forward purchasing in order to reduce the Organization's exposure to exchange rate fluctuations, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to report on the experience of forward purchasing, including the amount of forward currency purchased and the total expenditure in those currencies in the context of the budget performance reports;

26. *Endorses* the proposal of the Secretary-General with regard to the presentation of performance measures and outputs and the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that future proposed programme budgets include actual past performance information so as to allow for the comparison of trends;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include an equivalent to schedule 10 in the introduction to the proposed programme budget[15] for each duty station in forthcoming proposed programme budgets;

28. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to disseminate, as supplementary information, budgetary tables in spreadsheet format for ease of analysis and review;

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit reports to the Advisory Committee no later than two weeks in advance of its scheduled consideration of items so as to ensure that the Committee will, in turn, provide its advice to the General Assembly no later than two weeks in advance of formal introduction of an item, with an exception for revised estimates and programme budget implications arising in the course of the main part of the session of the Assembly;

30. *Stresses* that results-based budgeting and results-based management are mutually supportive management tools and that improved implementation of results-based budgeting enhances both management and accountability in the Secretariat, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

31. *Reaffirms* that the vacancy rate is a tool for budgetary calculations and should not be used to achieve budgetary savings;

32. *Recalls* paragraphs 56 and 57 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to apply the vacancy rate of 50 per cent for new General Service posts and 6 per cent for continuing General Service posts as a basis for the calculation of the budget for the biennium 2016–2017;

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[15] See A/70/6 (Introduction), annex.

33. *Decides* that the staffing table for the biennium 2016–2017 shall be as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

34. *Reaffirms* paragraph 3 of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, reiterates that the principle of equitable geographical distribution and gender balance in the composition of the Secretariat does not conflict with the paramount consideration in the employment of staff, namely, the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, and requests the Secretary-General to recruit staff to fill the posts approved in the budget for the biennium 2016–2017 with a view to improving geographical representation and gender balance in the Secretariat;

35. *Regrets* the slow pace of recruitment in the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to fill vacancies expeditiously, in accordance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and existing provisions governing recruitment in the United Nations;

36. *Recalls* paragraph 34 of its resolution 67/255 of 12 April 2013, regrets that the Office of Human Resources Management has set a target of 180 days from the date of issuance of vacancy announcements to the date of selection for all regular vacancies advertised, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to undertake the efforts necessary to achieve the target of 120 days;

37. *Requests* the Secretary-General not to propose the freezing of posts in future budget proposals;

38. *Decides* not to freeze the following posts contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017:[1]

(*a*) Two General Service (Other level), Statistics Assistant, section 12, Trade and development;

(*b*) One P-3, Economic Affairs Officer, section 18, Economic and social development in Africa;

(*c*) One P-4, Chief of Unit, section 18, Economic and social development in Africa;

(*d*) One Local level, Finance Assistant, section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific;

(*e*) One Local level, Computer Systems Assistant, section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific;

(*f*) One Local level, Assistant, section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific;

(*g*) One Local level, Staff Assistant, section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(*h*) One Local level, Library Assistant, section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(*i*) One P-4, Computer Systems Officer, section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(*j*) One Local level, Statistics Assistant, section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia;

(*k*) One P-3, Information Officer, section 28, Public information;

(*l*) One P-5, Human Resources Officer, Outreach, section 29C, Office of Human Resources Management;

(*m*) One P-3, Language Coordinator, section 29H, Administration, Nairobi;

39. *Also decides* to abolish the remaining 67 posts proposed for freezing immediately or upon the starting date of the proposed freeze;

40. *Takes note* of paragraph 79 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

41. *Recalls* paragraph 88 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General, when presenting staffing proposals, to reflect their impact on the grade structure of the Organization, with a view to addressing the persistent problem of the increasing number of posts at the level of D-1 and above;

42. *Decides* to reduce the resources for supplies and materials by 5 per cent;

43. *Also decides* to reduce other staff costs by 5 per cent;

44. *Further decides* to reduce resources for furniture and equipment by 5 per cent;

45. *Recalls* paragraph 116 of the report of the Advisory Committee, reaffirms that the use of external consultants should be kept to an absolute minimum and their services be used only when necessary, and stresses the need for using in-house capacity of the Organization to perform core activities or to fulfil functions that are recurrent over the long term;

46. *Decides* to reduce the proposed resources for consultants by 10 per cent, in addition to the reductions recommended by the Advisory Committee;

47. *Emphasizes* the importance of training in improving the quality of staff performance, and requests the Secretary-General to assess how training programmes contribute to the implementation of mandates and the goals of the Organization;

48. *Decides* to reduce the resources for travel of staff by 5 per cent in addition to the reductions already recommended by the Advisory Committee, with the exception of travel required under sections 9 and 18 to 23 of the proposed programme budget;

49. *Stresses* that all extrabudgetary posts must be administered and managed with the same rigour as regular budget posts;

50. *Also stresses* that extrabudgetary resources shall be used in consistency with the policies, aims and activities of the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to provide information on the financial and human resource implications of the use of extrabudgetary resources in the Organization in his next proposed programme budget;

Part I
Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

Section 1
Overall policymaking, direction and coordination

51. *Stresses* the importance of strengthened accountability in the Organization and of ensuring greater accountability of the Secretary-General to Member States, inter alia, for the effective and efficient implementation of legislative mandates and the use of human and financial resources;

52. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, proposals to review the budget allocation to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in accordance with existing procedures;

Section 2
General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

53. *Recalls* that the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has held six meetings over three days for the past three years, and decides that future annual meetings of States parties to the Convention shall be accorded conference servicing to cover the full three days of meetings;

Part II
Political affairs

Section 3
Political affairs

54. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to consider including proposals to strengthen capacities for conflict prevention and mediation in future budget submissions;

55. *Recalls* paragraph 11 of section IV of its resolution 69/262, and expresses serious concern about the failure to comply with the provision contained in the said resolution;

56. *Approves* the reclassification of one Assistant Secretary-General post as an Under-Secretary-General in the United Nations Office to the African Union;

57. *Recalls* paragraph II.16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the reclassification of six posts of Close Protection Officer (Security Service) in the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process;

58. *Emphasizes* the need for collaboration between the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support of the Secretariat, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure systemic cooperation so as to prevent duplication among the three departments;

59. *Decides* to reduce resources for supplies and materials and furniture and equipment by 5 per cent;

60. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that there is no duplication in the existing coordination mechanisms for the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system, as well as in the organizational and governance arrangements and functions of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Office and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre;

Section 4
Disarmament

61. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament with the resources necessary to discharge their mandates;

Section 5
Peacekeeping operations

62. *Takes note* of paragraph II.54 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

63. *Also takes note* of paragraph II.55 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to establish the one P-3 post of Political Affairs Officer for the Analysis Team in the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization;

64. *Further takes note* of paragraph II.57 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to abolish the seven posts (two Field Service and five Local level);

65. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make further concrete efforts to ensure proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support, taking into account their contribution to United Nations peacekeeping;

Part III
International justice and law

Section 7
International Court of Justice

66. *Recalls* paragraph III.5 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to abolish three General Service (Other level) posts in view of the expected realization of the electronic document management system;

Part IV
International cooperation for development

67. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his fundraising efforts to support the mandates related to sections 10 and 11 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017;

Section 9
Economic and social affairs

68. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Organization's support for small island developing States, including for the implementation of the sustainable development priorities identified in the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway (Samoa Pathway)[16] and set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is adequately addressed, given the mandates following the adoption of the Samoa Pathway and the 2030 Agenda, and bearing in mind that small island developing States remain a special case for sustainable development, in the light of their unique and particular vulnerabilities;

69. *Takes note* of paragraph IV.8 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the proposed post for one P-4 under subprogramme 3;

70. *Also takes note* of paragraph IV.10 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to abolish the one P-5 post (Chief of the Small Island Developing States Unit);

[16] Resolution 69/15, annex.

71. *Decides* to maintain the Small Island Developing States Unit as a separate entity dedicated to the sustainable development of small island developing States under subprogramme 3 in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs;

72. *Recalls* paragraphs IV.24 to IV.28 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide further detailed information on the proposed Secretariat contribution to support the resident coordinator system at the first part of the resumed seventieth session of the General Assembly;

Section 10
Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

73. *Recalls* that, within the context of the priority for the promotion of sustainable economic growth and sustainable development, particular attention should be paid to the needs of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to support their sustainable development needs;

Section 11
United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

74. *Recalls* that the development of Africa is an established priority of the United Nations, and reaffirms its commitment to address the special needs of Africa;

Section 12
Trade and development

75. *Decides* to establish one P-5 post, Senior Statistician, one P-4 post, Statistician, and one P-2 post, Associate Statistician;

Section 14
Environment

76. *Recalls* that the conversion of posts from extrabudgetary resources to the regular budget are subject to the pertinent rules and regulations for new posts;

77. *Takes note* of paragraph IV.118 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the following conversions:

(*a*) Under subprogramme 1, Climate change: two P-4;

(*b*) Under subprogramme 2, Disasters and conflicts: one P-4 and one P-3;

(*c*) Under subprogramme 3, Ecosystem management: two P-4;

(*d*) Under subprogramme 4, Environmental governance: four P-4 and one P-3;

(*e*) Under subprogramme 5, Chemicals and waste: one P-4 and one P-3;

(*f*) Under subprogramme 6, Resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production: one P-4 and one P-3;

(*g*) Under subprogramme 7, Environment under review: four P-4 and two P-3;

Section 16
International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice

78. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen the provision of technical assistance through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to the West Africa Coast Initiative in order to support the implementation of a regional action plan to address the growing problem of illicit drug trafficking, organized crime and drug abuse in West Africa;

Part V
Regional cooperation for development

79. *Emphasizes* the important contribution that the regional commissions are making towards the implementation of the development agenda and other mandates given to them arising from the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the outcomes of other major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

Section 19
Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

80. *Recalls* paragraph V.40 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the provision of the share of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to the Inter-Agency Support Unit;

Section 20
Economic development in Europe

81. *Takes note* of paragraph V.54 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to abolish one vacant General Service post at the Economic Commission for Europe;

82. *Decides* to abolish three General Service (Other level) posts under subprogrammes 1, 2 and 6;

Section 21
Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

83. *Takes note* of paragraph V.69 of the report of the Advisory Committee, recognizes the differentiated impact of across-the-board cuts between duty stations, and decides to increase the budget allocation for travel of staff for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean by 9.9 per cent;

Part VI
Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 24
Human rights

84. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session a revised proposal on the regional restructuring of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for consideration and approval;

Section 25
International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees

85. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the level of regular budget funding in the light of the growth in the administrative budget of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

Section 26
Palestine refugees

86. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to ensure that measures to improve health programmes and education programmes, including for children with special needs and disabilities, are implemented in a timely manner;

87. *Notes with appreciation* the valuable work done by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and expresses concern regarding the financial stress under which the Agency currently operates, despite the critical work it carries out;

88. *Recalls* paragraph VI.58 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to further examine the financing modalities of the Agency and to present his findings to the General Assembly in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

89. *Decides* to establish one D-1 post, Director for Information Management, one P-5 post, Senior Adviser on Staff Relations and Internal Communications, one P-4 post, Investigation Officer, and two P-3 posts, Legal Officer;

Section 27
Humanitarian assistance

90. *Takes note* of paragraph VI.76 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Part VII
Public information

Section 28
Public information

91. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to ensure intensive collaboration with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support to promote a positive image of the peacekeeping activities of the Organization and to support the public information components of peacekeeping missions;

92. *Decides* not to approve the new posts requested by the Department of Public Information;

93. *Also decides* to reduce non-post resources by 5 per cent;

94. *Further decides* to abolish six posts that have been vacant for more than two years as of 31 October 2015;

Part VIII
Common support services

95. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reduce by 5 per cent the overall number of General Service staff funded under section 29;

Section 29C
Office of Human Resources Management

96. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.68 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to reclassify one P-4 general temporary assistance position for a medical specialist in infectious diseases under component 4, Medical services, as a P-5 position;

97. *Recalls* paragraph 18 of its resolution 68/265 of 9 April 2014, notes with concern that the Secretary-General has not provided in his current budget proposal a full estimate of and rationale for the financial resources required for mobility in 2016 and 2017, including requests for any additional geographic moves necessary to achieve the strategic objectives of mobility, and urges the Secretary-General to provide such information, including details on the overexpenditure of 613,300 United States dollars under consultants during the biennium 2014–2015, in the context of his next progress report on mobility;

Section 29D
Office of Central Support Services

98. *Recalls* paragraph VIII.96 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to reduce resources for utilities by 10,979,200 dollars;

Section 29E
Office of Information and Communications Technology

99. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.115 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish one Associate Information Systems Officer (P-2) in the Global Security and Architecture Section and one Associate Information Systems Officer (P-2) in the Executive Solutions and Knowledge Management Service of the Global Services Division;

100. *Also takes note* of paragraph VIII.125 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to abolish the post of Senior Information Systems Officer (P-5) in the Infrastructure Management Service;

Section 29F
Administration, Geneva

101. *Takes note* of paragraph VIII.145 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the proposed reclassification of the post of Chief of the Information and Communication Technology Service from the P-5 to the D-1 level;

102. *Also takes note* of paragraph VIII.147 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides not to approve the proposed reclassification of the post of Chief of the Transportation, Visa and Travel Unit from the P-3 to the P-4 level;

Section 29H
Administration, Nairobi

103. *Recalls* paragraph 101 of its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, and welcomes the measures taken by the Secretary-General to bring the financial arrangements of the United Nations Office at Nairobi in line with those of similar United Nations administrative offices;

Part IX
Internal oversight

Section 30
Internal oversight

104. *Takes note* of paragraph IX.28 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Part X
Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 31
Jointly financed administrative activities

105. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his future budget submissions summary information on the cost-sharing methodology applied in establishing the United Nations share of jointly financed activities under the relevant budget section;

International Civil Service Commission

106. *Takes note* of paragraph X.12 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to appropriate 558,800 dollars for the travel of the secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission;

Joint Inspection Unit

107. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider options for hosting the Joint Inspection Unit website in-house and to report on this matter in the context of the forthcoming report on the implementation of the information and communications strategy for the Secretariat;

Part XI
Capital expenditures

Section 33
Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

108. *Recalls* paragraph XI.17 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to allocate 550,000 dollars for the feasibility study in Nairobi, 50,800 dollars for the renovation of the North Building at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and 400,000 dollars for the renovation of the cafeteria and library at the Economic Commission for Africa;

109. *Takes note* of paragraph XI.32 of the report of the Advisory Committee, decides to reduce the amount of resources by 3.5 million dollars, and requests the Secretary-General to reprioritize the proposed projects under "Alteration and improvement" for section 33;

Part XIII
Development Account

Section 35
Development Account

110. *Recalls* that the Secretary-General proposed the establishment of the Development Account to be funded by savings from reduced non-programme costs and other management efficiencies;

Income section 3
Services to the public

111. *Takes note* of paragraphs IS3.18 and IS3.19 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

112. *Stresses* that the United Nations is an intergovernmental organization that does not seek profit.

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Annex

Staffing table for the biennium 2016–2017

Category	*Number of posts*
Professional and higher	
Deputy Secretary-General	1
Under-Secretary-General	34
Assistant Secretary-General	30
D-2	112
D-1	292
P-5	863
P-4/3	2 915
P-2/1	521
Subtotal	**4 768**
General Service and related	
Principal level	274
Other level	2 463
Subtotal	**2 737**
Other	
Security Service	313
Local level	1 948
Field Service	110
National Professional Officer	82
Trades and Crafts	97
Subtotal	**2 550**
Total	**10 055**